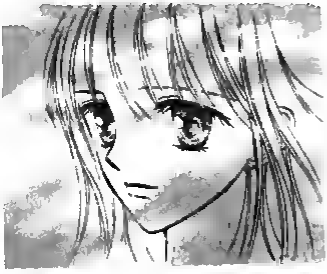
Roselia Scanlations

AH...
GOKU
T-TAKESHI COLLAPSED...
HIS STOMACH IS BLEEDING...!
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG?
TAKESHI! OH, NO...
HIS WOUND... DID IT OPEN UP?!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THE BLEEDING...
HERE, WITH HIS GUN BELT...
IS THIS BECAUSE HE WAS EXERTING HIMSELF SO MUCH?!
ARE YOU OKAY?
BUUP
0:08'49
BEEP



IT'S NOT JUST...THE PAIN OF MY WOUND OPENING UP...
SOMETHING IS STRANGE... I FEEL SICK...
I FEEL... SO WEAK...
KSH
Takeshi-kun!
Are you still conscious?
SIGH
SORRY...
URGH!!
SQUEEZE
SCRAPE
LSP
KE
Could he be going into rejection?!
WHAT?
Never mind! You only have six minutes left!
Can you just try and make it to the exit?!
It's pretty chaotic outside here, too...
T-TAKESHI.. IS IT NO GOOD? CAN YOU STAND?!
UGH...
HOLD ONTO ME!!
HANG IN THERE!
LSP
KE

⑩

*** Back to talking about the manga ***

And so, right now I am in the midst of recharging my batteries, but...

Soon I need to start thinking about my next work!! While you guys haven't forgotten about me yet. Nah, actually I've been thinking of it faintly for a pretty long time.

I guess right now I am in the mood to write an easygoing story. A story where no big incidents happen... <3 (Or so I say, but I still think of it like the rest of my products.)
Part of the Obana brand.

At any rate, it would be nice if it's a story where no one dies... <3 (Like about everyday troubles...)

Because in the end, this was painful, wasn't it? Sorry, Ken... Moe... Et cetera... Did I kill too much?! _ *
(I'm leaving this detail out in case there's anyone who hasn't read the whole thing yet.)

* This time I didn't do a popularity contest or anything for the characters, but based on the opinions I see in the fan mail, I can guess the following.

#1 Nae (Yes. Reasonable.)

#2 Takeshi

#3 Moe (There are people who say that they like her better after she became an LSP... I do too, though.)

#4 Noguchi (Eh?!

#5, #6, #7 Ken, Iwagaki, Professor
Now this is tricky! Incidentally, there were a lot of people who only liked the Professor's looks.

#8 Seita

Runners up:
Lunch lady
Leader
Chonta
Carrie
etc.

KEN-CHAN!
HAVE YOU...
SEEN MOE?
YEAH... JUST NOW, OVER THAT WAY... IN THE PASSAGE-WAY ON THE EAST SIDE.
BUT THE SMOKE IS TERRIBLE ON THE OTHER SIDE BY NOW...
I SEE. THANKS.
TURN
W-WAIT!!
H-HELP ME!
I NEED TO GET TO THE EXIT ON THE FIRST FLOOR!
"HELP"?

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PLEASE!
VRRR
HANG ON.
KEN
SHUFFLE
KSSH
...LLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
MR ASSIS-TANT!
TAKESHI, HOLD ON!
FOUR MIN-UTES LEFT!
Y-YES! WE JUST MADE IT TO THE FIRST FLOOR!
KEN...
DAMMIT...

COMING OUT RIGHT AT THE END LIKE THIS...
TAKESHI...
THREE MINUTES LEFT!
I WON'T... BE SAYING...
NICE THINGS LIKE NAE DID, KEN.
PANT
SHUFFLE
BECA-USE...
I'M NOT... JUST SAD...
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
YES, I AM!
WE'RE ALSO... ANGRY...!
WHY...
WHY DIDN'T YOU...
RELY ON US MORE?!
YOU'RE MAD AT ME, AREN'T YOU,
TAKECHI?

NO...
I'M NOT... MAD...
HUMANS SAY COMPLICATED THINGS.
SHUT UP.
DAM-MIT...
THERE'S THE EXIT!
A-1
WELL, I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.

GOODBYE.
GOODBYE KEN-CHAN!
LESS THAN TWO MINUTES!
WELCOME
SLIDE
UGH
DEFINITELY SHOT ME... BUT...
IWAGAKI...
SOEDA TAKESHI.
HE ALSO...
VRRRR
BAM
SWISH
!!

BAM
KEN?!
BAM
IT'S OKAY.
IT DOESN'T HURT.
KE...
KYAA-AAA!!

KEN!
VRRRR
TAP
I'LL CLOSE IT.
HURRY AND GO OUT.
KATHUNK
THANK GOODNESS, YOU GUYS!
THERE'S A CAR RIGHT OVER HERE...
QUICKLY! GET AWAY FROM THERE!
I'M SORRY...
I WAS... WEAK...
VRRRR
TAKESH...

KEN...!!
"SORRY," HE SAID...
0:00'00''00
BEEP
KABOOM

オオ
ROAR
ガラ
SHATTER
ガラ
SHATTER
ズズ
RUMBLE
GET IN! HURRY!
WE'RE GOING!
WE NEED TO GET YOU TREATMENT RIGHT AWAY!
ROAR
RRRRR
THE WOUND ITSELF ISN'T TOO BAD...
HERE'S SOME MEDICINE
THE ONES WHO ESCAPED BY CAR EARLIER SHOULD HAVE CALLED AMBULANCES AND POLICE.
WITH A FUSS LIKE THIS, IF WE CAN ALL COME STAMPEDING IN,
THEN THE POLICE WON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO DO SOMETHING.

MOE...
KEN-CHAN
RRRRR
REST IN... PEACE...
SOB...
SOB...
UWAAAAAH!
BUT THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE WE COULD HAVE DONE...
SOB...!
THIS IS ALL I CAN SAY...
THIS IS...
IS THE MOST TRAGIC THING, BUT...
THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE...

PLEASE...
REST!
REST IN PEACE.
RRRRR
SEEING THEM LIVE ON UNNATURALLY WAS EVEN MORE SO...

⑪

"Partner" was a work I had been wanting to do in Ribon for a long time, so I had a strong attachment to it. I'm happy I was finally able to draw it!!

I still have questions and regrets, but I did my best, so it's good enough!
(I say this myself.) So?

Thank you to everyone who supported "Partner" and Obana! There's no way I'll be able to say it all here, so I'll tell them all personally. <3 But even if I say it, words don't really do it justice... So maybe next time I'll kiss them. <3 <3
(They don't need that. (Laugh))

Speaking of kisses, when Mayupon (see the last page) one of the people who helped me at my house, had her debut confirmed, I purposely gave her a big lipstick kiss on her cheek. (Laugh) Actually, I thought of stealing a kiss on the lips, but I thought it would be bad if I made her cry, so I gave up. <3 (Big Laugh)

Speaking of kiss on the cheek, the Mama-san of a beef tongue shop stole one from me once. It smelled like beef tongue. If she had kissed me on the lips I would've definitely cried.

She did it when I gave her some of my Hello Kitty candy. (Laugh)

OUR "EVERYDAY" DIDN'T RETURN TO NORMAL RIGHT AWAY.
TAKE-SHI'S HOSPITA-LIZATION AND MEDICAL EXAMS...
AND THE PROLONGED INVESTIGATION AND MASS MEDIA FRENZY...
NAE!
WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO SEE OUR PARENTS AGAIN, BUT...
BUT THEY HAVEN'T LET US OUT OF THIS MILITARY HOSPITAL YET...
SO IT SEEMS LIKE OUR LIFE OF CONFINE-MENT IS CONTI-NUING.

THAT'S RIGHT.
THE DOCTORS SAY I'M SHOWNG THE SYMPTOMS OF SOMEONE WHO'S RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT...
OR SOMETHING...
MR. ASSISTANT, PLEASE TELL US.
WHAT DID THE PROFESSOR DO TO ME?
PROFESSOR TOUJOU TRANSPLANTED YOU WITH SOEDA KEN'S PANCREAS, BLOOD VESSELS, AND ONE OF HIS BONES.
KEN'S...!
SO M.V. HADN'T BEEN USED ON THEM.
THE PROFESSOR PUT ANY ORGANS OR TISSUES THE LSPS DIDN'T NEED INTO COLD STORAGE.
BACK THEN, YOUR PANCREAS WAS HIT WITH A BULLET AND WAS DESTROYED...
IN THE MIDDLE OF SURGERY, THE PROFESSOR DECIDED TO TRANSPLANT YOU... WE WERE RELUCTANT, BUT...
PROFESSOR EVEN IF THE BOYS ARE TWINS, THEY'RE FRATERNAL, AND TO TRANSPLANT A PANCREAS WITHOUT DOING THE PROPER COMPATIBILITY TESTS, THE RISK IS JUST TOO HIGH!
NO, LET'S DO IT.
IT'S KEN-KUN'S THAT WE'RE PUTTING INTO TAKESHI-KUN. I THINK I'M SURE IT'LL BE OKAY.

IN THAT TENSE SITUATION BACK THEN, HE...!
DON'T SAY "PROBABLY" ABOUT TRANSPLANTING AN ORGAN!!
OF COURSE, THE SURGERY ITSELF WENT PERFECTLY.
PROBABLY.
IT SEEMED LIKE... HE JUST WANTED TO TRY IT... TRANSPLANTING KEN'S ORGANS INTO YOU....
Dooo
ERR...
COUGH
IT'S AMAZING! IT MEANS YOU MUST'VE BEEN A PERFECT MATCH!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET BY WITH MINIMAL IMMUNOSUP-PRESSANTS.
YOU'VE GOTTEN OFF EASILY. NOW YOU'RE COMPLETELY STABLE.
BUT I'VE BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED. THE SCARY THING ABOUT TRANSPLANTS IS WHAT HAPPENS AFTER, LIKE REJECTION AND INFECTION, BUT...
IS LIVING ON INSIDE TAKESHI'S BODY?
PART OF KEN-CHAN...

THAT'S GREAT. I'M GLAD HE'S SAFE.
YEAH...
YEAH. YOU KNOW, I FOUND IWAGAKI AND THE LEADER COLLAPSED IN THE COMPUTER ROOM.
THEY'LL BE QUESTIONING HIM EVERY DAY FOR A WHILE, SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM YET.
HE WAS IN A COMA FOR A LONG TIME, BUT NOW HE'S FINALLY AWAKE.
PATTER PATTER
WAM
TAKESHI, TAKESHI! NEWS!
I HEARD THAT IWAGAKI-SAN IS ALSO HERE IN THIS HOSPITAL!
EH?! REALLY?!
I THOUGHT THEY WERE DEAD, BUT I THOUGHT I'D AT LEAST CARRY IWAGAKI OUT OF THERE. I ASKED THE FIRST GROUP OF EMPLOYEES LEAVING BY CAR TO GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.
I DIDN'T REALIZE THE LEADER WAS STILL ALIVE, THOUGH...
AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET DOWN TO THE FIRST FLOOR, TOO...
.....

IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD SEE IWAGAKI-SAN SOON.
YEAH.

⑫

Thank you!

This is the last freetalk. How did you like volume three of "Partner"?

In the Ribon magazine, I wrote about this in the "Trivial Ramblings" section, but I really want to say "good job!" to the readers as well for this story. ^_^

Thank you very much for reading!!!

Please let me hear your impressions of "Partner," requests for my next work, etc. Here is the address.

Finally... The "___" I had mentioned in volume two was "explosions"! Kaboom!

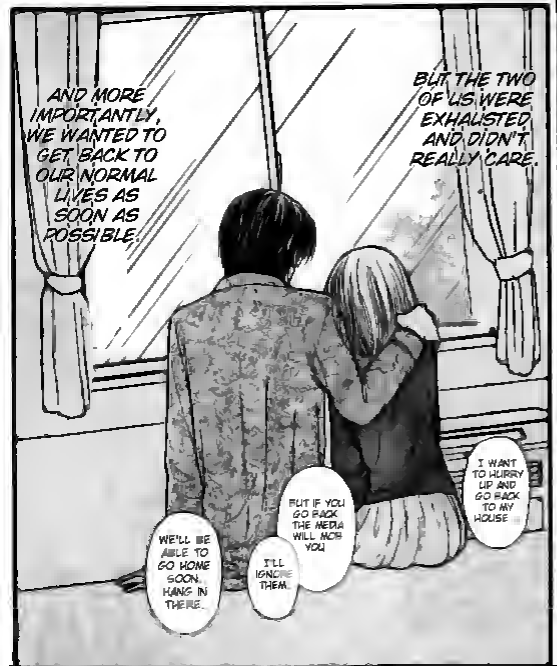
Well then, please be sure to read my next work, as well. *

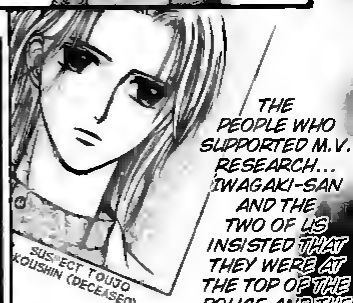
It's late, but it's scheduled to start in Spring of 2001!

Miho Obana

A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE CARRIED OUT OUR PLAN,
IWAGAKI-SAN TOLD US ABOUT HIS FEELINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME.
WITH THIS HAND,
I SHOT SEITA AS HE RAN TOWARD ME.
I DREAM OF IT EVERY NIGHT.
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET IT.
I HEARD THERE IS NOTHING LEFT OF THE RUINS OF THE FACTORY.
WE SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYED M.V., LIKE YOU WANTED.
I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE HE WAS SUFFERING EVEN MORE THAN WE WERE.
IWAGAKI-SAN...

THREE KEY SUSPECTS DEAD
QUESTION OF MURDER WITHIN THE FACTORY
SUSPECT TOUJOU KOUSHIN
SUSPECT
SUSPECT YOSHINO TAMON
FACTORY INCIDENTS: MEMBERS OF A NEW RELIGIOUS CULT WORSHIPPING WEAPONS AND THE SUSPECT TOUJOU ARE SHAKEN BY NEWS OF THE DEATH OF THEIR "PROFESSOR"
SHOCKING BIZARRE EXPERIMENTS
MYSTERIOUS RESEARCH GROUP
YAMAKAGE
BIG EXPLOSION AT PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT
BBN
THE NEWS DIDN'T JUST RUN WILD IN OUR COUNTRY; IT WAS PICKED UP WORLDWIDE.
IN THE CASES OF THE MISSING CORPSES
AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING TWIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
CONNECTION HAS BEEN REVEALED...
THE MASS MEDIA FRENZY SPREAD IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
Koshin Toujou(a)


AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WANTED TO GET BACK TO OUR NORMAL LIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
BUT THE TWO OF US WERE EXHAUSTED, AND DIDN'T REALLY CARE.
I WANT TO HURRY UP AND GO BACK TO MY HOUSE
BUT IF YOU GO BACK THE MEDIA WILL MOB YOU
I'LL IGNORE THEM.
WE'LL BE ABLE TO GO HOME SOON. HANG IN THERE.

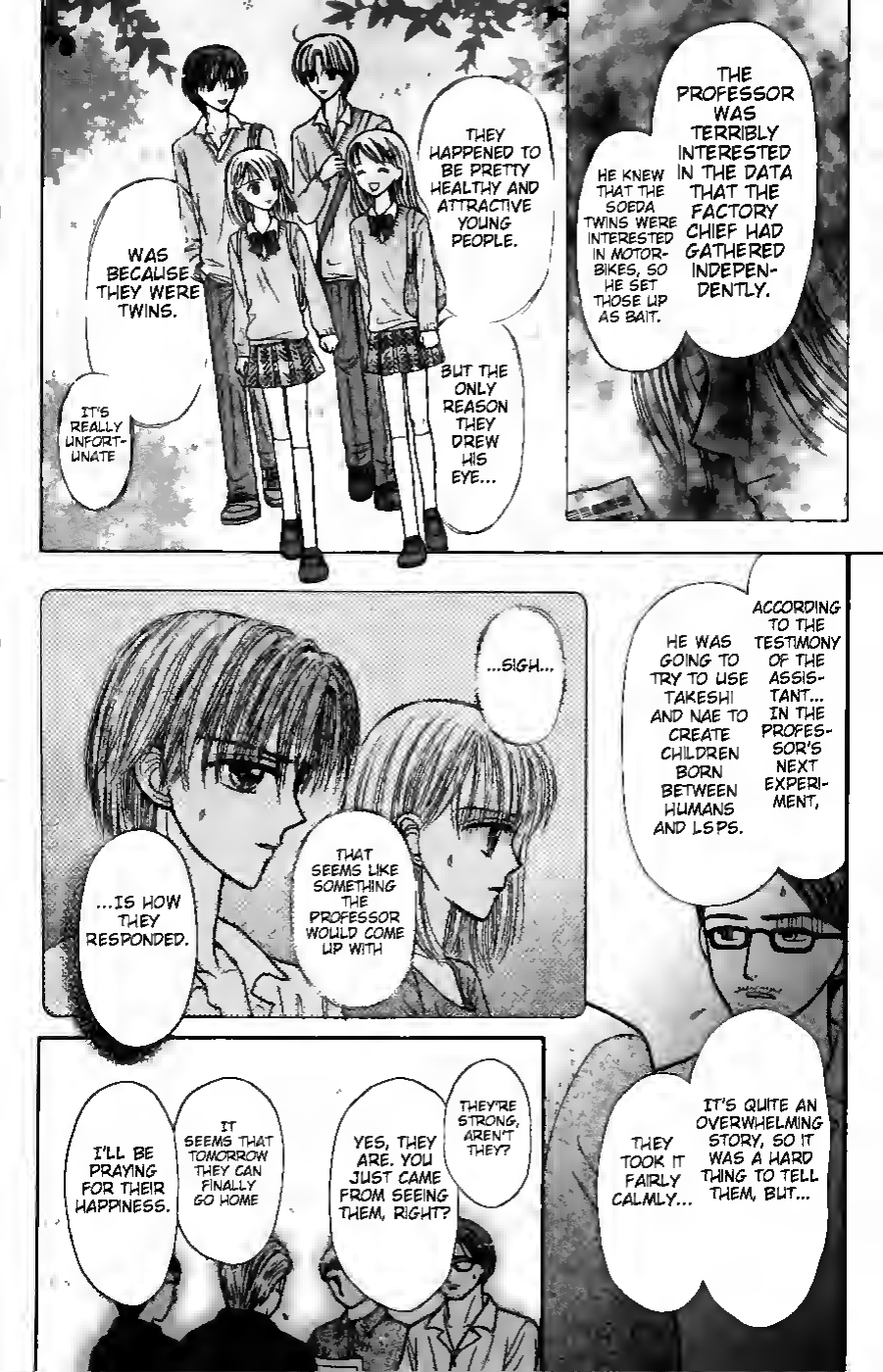


THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED M.V. RESEARCH... IWAGAKI-SAN AND THE TWO OF US INSISTED THAT THEY WERE AT THE TOP OF THE POLICE AND THE GOVERNMENT, BUT NO ONE WOULD LISTEN.

THEY MADE IT ALL OUT TO BE THE PROFESSOR'S CRIME (ALTHOUGH IT WAS), AND IT FEELS LIKE THINGS ARE STILL BEING COVERED UP.

WAHHHHHH!
NAE!!
AFTER THAT, WE WERE ABLE TO SEE THE FRIENDS WE HAD GONE ON THE TRIP WITH.
SOS
WHEN YOU GUYS DIDN'T COME BACK, WE SEARCHED FOR YOU FOR A LONG TIME!
GEEZ
THE REPORTERS WERE SAYING MAYBE IT WAS A DOUBLE LOVERS' SUICIDE
LOVERS?
.....
TAKE-SHI... FORGIVE ME!
YOSHINO...
I DIDN'T KNOW...!
TO THINK MY UNCLE WAS DOING SUCH THINGS...!!
WE WEREN'T REALLY CLOSE, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF RANDOM WHEN HE ASKED ME TO HOUSE-SIT...
WHAT DO YOU THINK? INVITE YOUR FRIENDS OR SOMETHING... THINK OF IT LIKE A VACATION.

YES, THAT WOULD BE GOOD.
IS THAT SO?
I ACTUALLY HAVE A FRIEND WHO'S BEEN REALLY DOWN LATELY BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENT.
OH RIGHT, AND I HAVE A MOTORBIKE COLLECTION TOO.
DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER? I'LL SEND YOU SOME PICTURES
IT'S A NICE PLACE
HE LIKES MOTORBIKES, TOO. MAYBE I'LL INVITE HIM.
WOW, COOL!
IT SOUNDS GREAT!
IF I HADN'T INVITED YOU...!
IT'S OKAY. STOP, YOSHINO.
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
FIRST, THERE WAS OUSAWA MOE'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.
CORPSE THEFT COUNTER-MEASURES HEAD-QUARTERS
YAMAKAGE FACTORY
IT SEEMS THAT THERE WERE HOSPITALS COOPERATING WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND DATA ABOUT THE DECEASED WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE TRANSMITTED TO FACTORY'S COMPUTER.
MOE WAS IN THE EXACT CONDITION THEY WERE LOOKING FOR. AND THEY SOON LEARNED OF HER TWIN, NAE.
AFTER THAT, BY CHANCE, FACTORY CHIEF YOSHINO LEARNED THAT SHE WAS HIS NEPHEW'S CLASSMATE, AND THEN LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOEDA TWINS AND STARTED LOOKING INTO THEM...


THE PROFESSOR WAS TERRIBLY INTERESTED IN THE DATA THAT THE FACTORY CHIEF HAD GATHERED INDEPENDENTLY.
HE KNEW THAT THE SOEDA TWINS WERE INTERESTED IN MOTORBIKES, SO HE SET THOSE UP AS BAIT.
THEY HAPPENED TO BE PRETTY HEALTHY AND ATTRACTIVE YOUNG PEOPLE.
BUT THE ONLY REASON THEY DREW HIS EYE...
WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE TWINS.
IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE
ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY OF THE ASSISTANT... IN THE PROFESSOR'S NEXT EXPERIMENT,
HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO USE TAKESHI AND NAE TO CREATE CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN HUMANS AND LSPS.
...SIGH...
THAT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING THE PROFESSOR WOULD COME UP WITH
...IS HOW THEY RESPONDED.
IT'S QUITE AN OVERWHELMING STORY, SO IT WAS A HARD THING TO TELL THEM, BUT...
THEY TOOK IT FAIRLY CALMLY...
THEY'RE STRONG, AREN'T THEY?
YES, THEY ARE. YOU JUST CAME FROM SEEING THEM, RIGHT?
IT SEEMS THAT TOMORROW THEY CAN FINALLY GO HOME
I'LL BE PRAYING FOR THEIR HAPPINESS.

RUMBLE
YEAH. I HEARD THAT ONCE THE TRIAL STARTS, MOST OF THE FACTORY WORKERS WHO'VE BEEN CAPTURED WILL BE.
BUT I WONDER IF HE'LL BE FOUND GUILTY...
I HEARD HE'S MOSTLY RECOVERED.
WE CAN FINALLY SEE IWAGAKI-SAN.
TAXI
HE SEEMS A LOT MORE ENERGETIC THAT I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE
I'M GLAD...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE...
LIFE IN PRISON IS NOT THAT DIFFERENT FROM THE FACTORY
I'M PREPARED TO BE FOUND GUILTY. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
FOR US, WHAT WAS WRONG WAS...
PROFESSOR TOUJOU.
.....
DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS "WRONG" ANYMORE?
SOMETIMES THINK THAT YOU...
DO YOU...

FOR EXAMPLE...IF BY SOME CHANCE M.V. COULD BE COMPLETED...
AND MANY PEOPLE COULD BE SAVED IN THE FUTURE...
THEN FOR THOSE PEOPLE, THE ONE WHO WAS WRONG WOULD BE ME, WHO DESTROYED M.V.
THERE ARE THINGS ABOUT THE PROFESSOR THAT I CAN NEVER STOP HATING.
I ABSOLUTELY HATE HIM!!
IS THAT SO...
IT IS SO!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT LAUGH?!
Hey
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
W-
NO ONE NEEDS SUCH A THING! DEFINITELY!
THAT'S RIGHT! THE ONE WHO WAS WRONG WAS THE PROFESSOR!
YOU SHOULD HATE THE PROFESSOR!!
IT'S JUST... I'VE BEEN WATCHING TV AND SUCH FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, AND...
EVEN APART FROM THIS INCIDENT, THIS WORLD IS ALREADY REALLY MESSED UP.
YEAH THINGS ARE A LITTLE CRAZY, AREN'T THEY?
BUT FROM THIS POINT ON, NO MATTER HOW THIS WORLD TURNS OUT, IT SEEMS LIKE...
YOU TWO WILL LIVE LONG LIVES, I THINK.

CAN... WE COME AGAIN SOMETIME?
YEAH.
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO IWAGAKI-SAN'S WIFE
OH, I DID HEAR THAT SHE'S NOT DEAD...
BUT HE DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING BEYOND THAT
BUT IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE, THEN, THERE'S HOPE.
YOU TOO, IWAGAKI-SAN.
...
AND THEN, WHEN OUR LIVES FINALLY GOT A LITTLE MORE NORMAL...
A NEW YEAR HAD BEGUN, AND IT WAS ALREADY THE MIDDLE OF WINTER...
BYE-BYE, CHONTA.
SOB
SOB
THAT'LL DO, CHONKICHI
IF YOU SAY SO NAE
DON'T CRY, MOM.
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY.
KYAH!
TIMES THAT HAVE PASSED WILL NEVER RETURN...
HE'S DUG UP VARIOUS THINGS IN HIS RESEARCH.
MY DAD KEEPS GOING ON AND, SAYING IT'S BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT, OR THE MEDICAL FIELD..
YEAH.
IT SEEMS LIKE IT HELPS DISTRACT HIM.

THIS SADNESS PROBABLY WON'T DISAPPEAR AS LONG AS I LIVE.
BUT WE KNOW...
MY TEARS MAY NOT RUN OUT, BUT...
THAT WE HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GO ON LIVING DESPITE THAT.
AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS WARMTH, THEY SHOULD SURELY GET LESS AND LESS...
I'M GOING TO GO ON LIVING.
WATCH OVER ME, OKAY?

!!
N-NAE?! H-HOW WAS IT?!
YEAH...IT WAS AS I EXPECTED.
YEAH, MOM?
産婦人科
WH-
HEY! WAIT! COME ON!
...I HAVE PLANS WITH TAKESHI AFTER THIS...
SO I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.
THREE YEARS LATER
NAE!!
WELL THEN, TAKE CARE. SEE YOU LATER.
.....
I'LL HAVE THIS BABY.
I'M AN ADULT.
THAT'S NOT TRUE. I'M 20 ALREADY.
WELL, YOU'RE STILL .. JUST A STUDENT, AND... I-ISN'T THIS TOO SOON?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
T/ NOTE: IN JAPAN, 2015 THE AGE OF ADULTHOOD
IS SHE THINKING?
GEEZ, WHAT THE HECK...
SIGH
.....
SIGH
THIS IS SUCH A SHOCK... THOUGH I'M, HAPPY...
IT'S OKAY, MOM.
SHOULDN'T THIS BE A JOYOUS OCCASION?

THE NEW LIFE DWELLING INSIDE MY BODY...
IT SEEMS THERE ARE TWO OF THEM.
THIS SEEMS TOO MUCH LIKE DESTINY TO BE REAL...
BUT EVEN WHILE I THINK THAT,
THERE'S ALSO A PART OF ME THAT ACCEPTS IT EASILY.
BECAUSE
"GIVING BIRTH TO NEW LIFE"
IS A VERY NATURAL THING.
A NATURAL THING.
THAT HUMANS HAVE BEEN DOING
FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS

ANYWAY...
THIS IMPORTANT PARTNER OF MINE IS ALREADY 15 MINUTES LATE FOR OUR MEETING.
HURRY UP AND COOOOME.
I WANT TO SEE YOUR SHOCKED FACE.
SHOCKED...
AND ALSO SURELY VERY HAPPY.
HOW SHOULD I START...
WAAAA-BEEE!
WATCH OVER ME.
I'M SORR-YYYY!!

PARTNER 3 / END

I'VE GATHERED HERE THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO OBANA'S PLACE REGULARLY TO ASSIST ME.

FROM NOW ON, I WANT TO CHANGE UP THE WORK SYSTEM A LITTLE BIT, SO THIS GROUP NO LONGER EXISTS AT THE

MOMENT. *SNIFFLE* EVERYONE HAS BECOME BUSY WITH THEIR OWN WORK, WHICH IS NICE. ♪ THANKS, EVERYONE!

DO YOUR BEST!!

OBANA-SAN, GOOD WORK ON THIS SERIALIZATION!!

REMEMBERING BACK, A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO, I STARTED HELPING WITH MANGA WITH A VERY LIGHT FEELING. BUT

BEFORE I KNEW IT THE OBANA GROUP HAD BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME FOR A LONG TIME. (IN THE END I WAS EVEN

CALLED "BEHIND THE SCENES GANG BOSS"?) REALLY REALLY THANK YOU SO MUCH! ♥ THIS TIME I WAS FINALLY

ABLE TO GRADUATE FROM JUST ASSISTANT, BUT I AM JUST GLAD TO HAVE MET THIS GREAT PROJECT. EVEN THOUGH IT'S A

SHOUJO MANGA, I WAS ABLE TO DRAW MOTORBIKES AND BRAINS, AND IN THE END EXPLOSIONS TOO, SO (LAUGH) IT

WAS SATISFYING TO DRAW. ♥ OBANA-SAN, FROM NOW ON PLEASE CONTINUE GIVING BIRTH TO WONDERFUL STORIES!!

ALSO, I HAVE SOME FUN SOMETIIMES! (LAUGH) RIE SEKI

I LIKED MOE-CHAN AND KEN-CHAN'S OCEAN SCENE. ♥ IT'S SAD
ISN'T IT PRETTY?
SPARKLE SPARKLE
BUT THE ONE WHO I KEEP THINKING ABOUT IS S. DEBURIN OF THE GUARDS UNIT. I LIKE HIS EVIL LOOKING FACE. (LAUGH)
GRR
KIE E-CHAN, N WAKO-CHAN, KAZURU-CHAN, MAYUCCHI, KAORU-CHAN, GOOD WORK, ALL OF YOU! AND TO
YASUKO-SAN (OBANA'S MOTHER). THANKS FOR ALWAYS BRING NG US TASTY R CE. ♥

SEKI-SAN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME! GOOD WORK. RIGHT NOW SEKI-SAN IS

DOING THE ART DESIGN FOR THE ASIAN RESTAURANT "RAOTAO" IN HIKARIGAOKA, NERIMA CITY AND WAITRESSING AS

WELL! THOSE OF YOU WHO CAN SHOULD GO! I'M GOING TOO!

APPARENTLY THE KANJI FOR THIS IS VERY COMPLICATED

KIZUKI NIWAKO-SAMA'S SERIES, "OYAKODONBURI!" AND "AOI, KIZUATO" ARE BEING SERIALIZED IN RIBON!

BOTH OF THEM HAVE A NICE SENSE OF UNIQUE-NESS ♥

GOOD WORK, OBANA-SENSEI!!

THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW WHO TH S S ARE PARTNER MANIACS!

(ALL OF THE FACTORY WORKERS)

FIND THE FACTORY WORKER!!

(BEGINNER LEVEL) THESE ARE THE MINOR FACTORY WORKER CHARACTERS. HOW MANY OF THEM DO YOU KNOW?

(MIDDLE LEVEL) WHICH OF THEM BECAME NAE'S ALLIES AT THE END?

(UPPER LEVEL) WHAT ARE THEIR NICKNAMES AMONG OBANA'S ASSISTANTS?

UPPER LEVEL ANSWERS FROM THE LEFT: "KUWAMAN" "SIDEBURNS" "BOO" "POCHA" "IIMA-CHAN" (BECAUSE HE LOOKS LIKE THE RIBON EDITOR IIMAI SAN) AND FINALLY... "NIWAKO'S FAVORITE" (LAUGH)

IT FELT LONG, BUT THEY WERE SHORT, MY PRECIOUS DAYS AS AN ASSISTANT! OBANA-SENSEI! PLEASE TAKE TIME TO

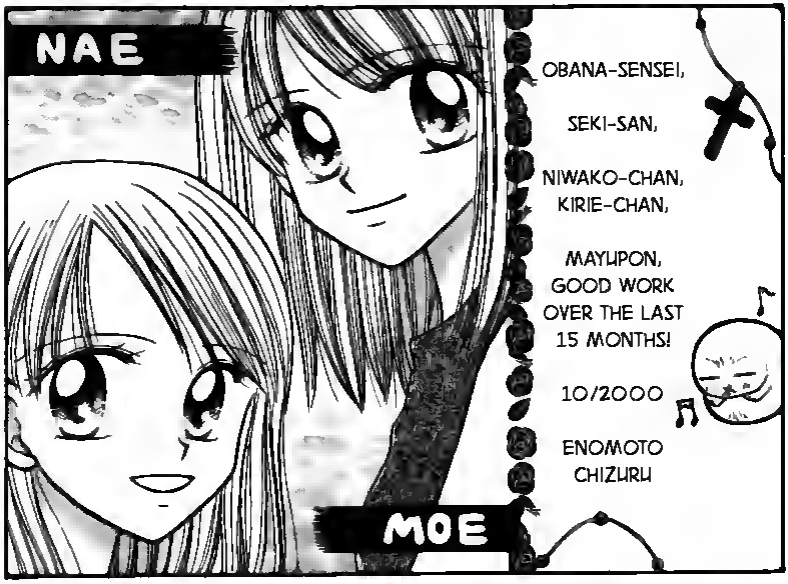
RELAX, AND THEN WRITE MORE INTERESTING MANGA!!

☆KIZUKI NIWAKO ♣

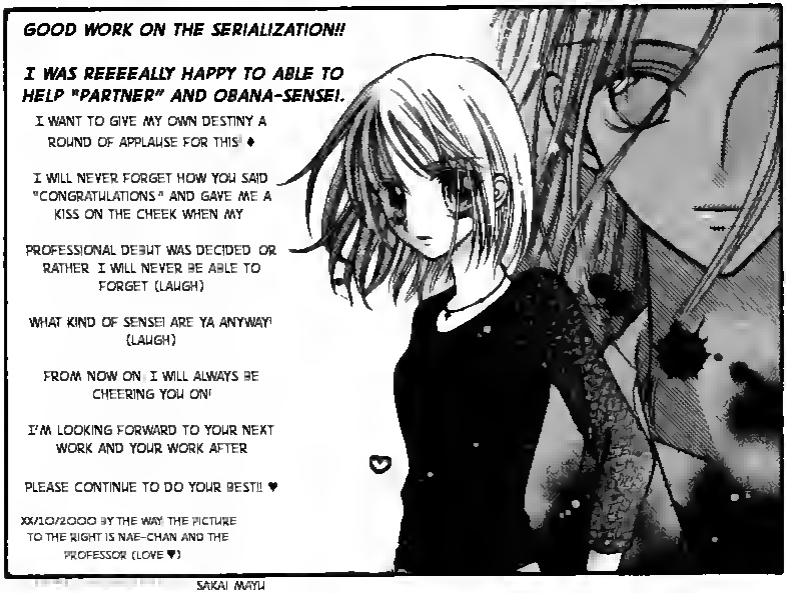
I LIKED KEN-CHAN...
AND BASICALLY RIGHT FROM THE START
SO WHEN I WAS HELPING WITH (THE BACKGROUNDS OF) THE OCEAN SCENE, IT WAS QUITE A SHOCK! I WAS IN A
DAZE!! BUT I LIKED IT... ♥
APPEAR SUDDENLY
SORRY FOR BARGING IN
KEN MEOW MEOW
ANOTHER ONE I LIKED WAS NAKATSU-SAN + THIS
I REALLY WONDER ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO NAKATSU-SAN AFTER ALL THAT... IT MAKES ME SAD TO THINK THAT HIS
LOOK OF GIVING UP WITHOUT A FIGHT IS THE LAST WE'LL EVER SEE OF HIM
ALSO ALSO! BECAUSE OF VARIOUS THINGS, IT'S BEEN A MEMORABLE YEAR AND A FEW MONTHS... ♥ IT WAS FUN!!!
I LIKE NOGUCHI-SAN TOO ♥
SATOU KIRIE

SATOU KIRIE-SAMA IS CURRENTLY SERIALIZING "DANSHI X JOSHI" IN RIBON! WE'LL BE GETTING TO READ IT SOON!

ENOMOTO CHIZURU-SAMA "LOVE GAME • LOVE YELL" CURRENTLY SERIALIZED IN RIBON!



IT'S A FRESH SPORTS LOVE STORY ♥


GOOD WORK ON THE SERIALIZATION!!
I WAS REEEEALLY HAPPY TO ABLE TO HELP "PARTNER" AND OBANA-SENSEI.
I WANT TO GIVE MY OWN DESTINY A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THIS! ♦
I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU SAID "CONGRATULATIONS" AND GAVE ME A KISS ON THE CHEEK WHEN MY
PROFESSIONAL DEBUT WAS DECIDED OR RATHER I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET (LAUGH)
WHAT KIND OF SENSEI ARE YA ANYWAY! (LAUGH)
FROM NOW ON I WILL ALWAYS BE CHEERING YOU ON!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT WORK AND YOUR WORK AFTER
PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO YOUR BEST!! ♥
XX/10/2000 BY THE WAY THE PICTURE TO THE RIGHT IS NAE-CHAN AND THE PROFESSOR (LOVE ♥)

SAKAI MAYU

IN THE OCTOBER 2000 ISSUE OF RIBON ORIGINAL, SAKAI MAYU-SAMA WILL DEBUT WITH "PRIMAL ORANGE"!

IT FEELS LIKE IT COULD BECOME BIG!

With a smiling picture of these two that was rare in the books themselves. Farewell ★

Miho Obana
2000. Autumn.

Special Thanks!

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